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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Carole A. Michels of rural Elburn, who passed away on August 16, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Carole Michels was born on June 29, 1941 in Aurora; her parents were Roy and Gertrude (nee Kroeger) Brown; she married Jim Michels on December 1, 1962 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Aurora; and

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WHEREAS, Carole Michels grew up in Aurora and attended Oak Park Elementary School and East Aurora Junior High School before graduating with the first graduating class of the "new" East Aurora High School in 1959; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Carole Michels began her career as a secretary with IBM in Aurora and developed the skills that served her well throughout her life; after marrying, she moved with her husband to Oklahoma City, where he was stationed as a commissioned officer with the United States Public Health Service; they were later transferred to Henryetta, Oklahoma before moving to New Brighton, Minnesota; after moving to Norman, Oklahoma in 1968, they returned "home" in 1969 to reside in Blackberry Township; in 1974, she resumed her secretarial skills as the secretary of

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1 the newly-formed consulting engineering firm Engineering  
2 Enterprises, Inc. in Elburn; she then became active in the  
3 Elburn Business Council and, in 1982, became a realtor with  
4 Leuer Realty, where she was a "top producer" for most of her  
5 30-year career; and

6 WHEREAS, Carole Michels was an active member of St. Gall  
7 Catholic Church, where she served as a Eucharistic Minister and  
8 in many other positions; and

9 WHEREAS, Carole Michels was a member and president of the  
10 Greater Aurora Association of Realtors and the Fox Valley Board  
11 of Realtors and held several leadership positions with both  
12 boards; she was a charter member of the Kane County Tourism  
13 Association and a member of the Kaneland Foundation and the  
14 Waubensee Community College Foundation; she served as a  
15 precinct committee person for Blackberry Township for many  
16 years; she was one of the 7 founders of Kaneland Community Bank  
17 (now American Bank and Trust) in Elburn; she was also the  
18 Corporate Secretary Emeritus of Engineering Enterprises, Inc.  
19 in Sugar Grove; and

20 WHEREAS, Carole Michels enjoyed life, entertaining family  
21 and friends by cooking and baking, traveling with her family  
22 and friends, and vacationing at Powers Lake, Wisconsin; and

1           WHEREAS, Carole Michels was preceded in death by her  
2 parents; 2 grandsons, Geno and Ryan Migliorini; her  
3 mother-in-law and father-in-law, Marie and Ben Michels; her  
4 brothers-in-law, Bob, Art, and Bern Michels and Jim McCue, Sr.;  
5 and 5 nieces and nephews; and

6           WHEREAS, Carole Michels is survived by her husband, Jim; 2  
7 sons, Sean (Valerie) Michels and Todd (Jacqui) Michels; a  
8 daughter, Denise (Brian) Migliorini; 3 sisters, Jean (Don)  
9 White, Joan McCue, and Judy (Jim) Kreitz; 9 grandchildren,  
10 Abby, Nick, Maddy, and Sophie Michels, Greycn, Alexa, and  
11 Samantha Michels, and Gina and Nico Migliorini; 4  
12 sisters-in-law, Pat, Lil, and Lois Michels and Anna Marie  
13 Avram; her brother-in-law, Nello Avram; and 44 nieces and  
14 nephews; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her  
17 family and friends, mourn the passing of Carole A. Michels; and  
18 be it further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Carole Michels as an expression of  
21 our sympathy.